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Applicant: NIGEL B. ALDRIDGE ET AL.
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Title: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO INTERFACING EMBEDDED
OPTICAL TRANSMISSION STRUCTURES

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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October 14, 2003

Sir:

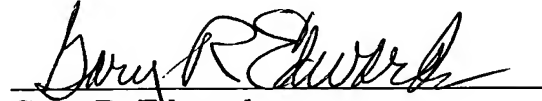
In response to the Requirement dated September 12, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect Species 1 (Figures 1-3, 5-6), which correlates to Claims 1-27, 33-58 and 64 of the application. In the event that one or more generic claims are found allowable, however, applicants request inclusion of the remaining claims directed to the provisionally non-elected species.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #2101/50770).

Respectfully submitted,

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